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Sir:

RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371

Sir:

Responsive to the Notification of Missing Requirements mailed July 26, 2001 (a copy of which is attached), it is respectfully submitted that the executed Declaration and Assignment were filed on July 19, 2001. A copy of the PTO mail room date-stamped postcard indicating receipt of the executed Declaration is attached hereto. A further copy of the Declaration is attached for your convenience.

Confirmation of receipt of the executed Declaration is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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